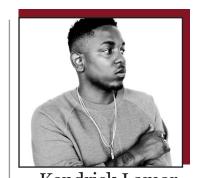




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In the past six months months, several key administrators have retired, been fired or hired. With these numerous changes in leadership, the state of the university heading into the 2015-2016 academic year is yet to be determined.

During the spring recess last week, the hiring of Athletic Director Chris Reynolds, the firing of Coach Geno Ford and the hiring of Registrar Andy Kindler were all announced. Additionally, the anticipated announcement of the new executive director of diversity and inclusion should occur early next week, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas.

Search committees for the associate provost for information resources and technology, the provost and the president have yet to bring candidates to campus for interviews and open forums.

New athletic director introduced to campus

BY TESSA ARMICH AND MARKIST BOOKER Copy Editor, Off-staff Reporter

A new athletic director was introduced to campus and the Peoria community March 18 in the Owens Atrium of Renaissance Coliseum, just 20 days after Michael Cross announced he would be resigning upon the completion of the women's Missouri Valley Conference basketball tournament.

Chris Reynolds was raised in Peoria and has come back to serve as Bradley's 10th Director of Athletics. Reynolds said he was eager to return to Peoria and become a part of the Bradley com-

"Bradley has an excellent repuation for academics, and the athletic facilities are phenomenal," Reynolds said in a press release. "I $remember\ the\ college\ environment$ Bradley provided was always something special for high school

students. My family and I are very much looking forward to being a part of the Bradley community.'

Similarly, other Peoria natives are excited about Reynolds' return.

"I think he has a lot of experience and a lot of love for Peoria," community member Connie Ogden said. "I know his mother, and they're just a wonderful fam-

During his introduction, Reynolds laid out his three-point plan as AD.

His first idea was to support student athletes in all aspects, including in the classroom, in the community and in competition. His second was to keep the Department of Athletics in line with the goals and values of the university, and his final point focused on energizing and engaging the community.

"This third point is vitally important: make no mistake about Reynolds said to a crowd of 160. "Bradley University is Peoria's university, and Peoria is

Bradley University's community."

Reynolds stressed the last aspect of his plan and said he wanted to make sure that the Peoria and Bradley communities work together.

"We [have] a solid plan in hand, and we will work tirelessly to communicate that plan within the community from university leaders to the academic community, community leaders, alumni and fans," Reynolds said. "We will be inviting them to become a part of our plan."

Community members said they were feeling optimistic about this strategy.

"It's exciting for Peoria; it's exciting for Bradley University," former Braves basketball player and community member Daniel Ruffin said. "We're actually moving in the right direction. I think [Reynolds] coming back home was a great opportunity for him and the community in general."

For more information about Reynolds, go to bradleyscout.com.

Sexual assault: What happens next

BY SAMANTHA PALLINI Editor-in-Chief

Every 107 seconds, another American is sexually assaulted, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. Twothirds of these assaults have been committed by someone the victim knows, and 68 percent of sexual assaults go unreported to author-

The Bradley University Police Department (BUPD) defines a forcible sexual offense as, "Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent."

In February, BUPD received two separate, unrelated reports by Bradley students of criminal sexual assault-rape within a three day period. Because Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April) is approaching, The Scout sat down with key responders on and off

campus to discuss what comes next when a student or someone they know has been sexually assaulted.

The most important message to remember, according to all four responder groups, is that it is never the victim's fault, and help is available in many forms.

INDEPENDENT ADVOCATES

Julie Boland is the director of Sexual Assault and Advocacy Services at the Center for Prevention of Abuse, a Peoria resource center that confidentially advocates for victims of sexual assault independently of Bradley, the police and the hospitals.

We have an agreement with hospitals that if a survivor [of sexual assault] comes, we [are called and] go automatically without asking the victim," Boland said.

However, Boland said if the victim would like them present, they

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Presidential search forums seek input

Two presidential search forums are being held over this week and

The first forum, held Thursday in Westlake Hall, was open to only Bradley students, faculty and administrators.

The second event will be open to the public and is March 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center Ballroom.

The forums serve to collect input from students, faculty, staff and Peoria residents with regard to what they would like from a future

Search committee representatives from the Board of Trustees and the university will supervise the forums.

Comments and questions can be directed to Presidential Search Committee members Jobie Skaggs (jskaggs@fsmail.bradley.edu), Chuck Stoner (crs@fsmail.bradley.edu), Mat Timm (mtimm@fsmail.bradley. edu) or Jason Blumenthal (jblumenthal@mail.bradley.edu).

SBO candidates announced

BY SCOUT STAFF

As most students were cramming for midterms or packing their bags for spring break, a few students were canvassing the Hilltop to get petitions signed with the hope of leading the student body next year.

On April 11, nine students submitted petitions to the Student Senate Election Subcommittee, officially declaring their candidacies for Bradley's 2015-2016 student body offices.

All members of the current executive board of Student Senate are running once again, although not all for the same positions. This year's election also brings external candidates to the ballot.

Unlike last year's Student Body Officer race, no position will be

Candidates will share their ideas and answer student questions at a debate on Wednesday, April 1. The town-hall style debate will begin at 6 p.m. in Marty Theater.

Students may cast their votes via online ballots or at voting centers across campus all day on April 6 and 7. Winners will be announced in the Student Center Atrium at 5 p.m. April 8.

Candidates, their majors and their ticket names (when applicable) are

PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY

JASON BLUMENTHAL

- Junior political science and economics double major
- Brave On ticket

SARAH HANDLER

- Junior industrial engineering major
- A Brave Change ticket

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

CHARLES COHEN Sophomore po-

- litical science and public relations double major
- Brave On ticket

OLGA KRAPIVNER

 Sophomore political science major

SOJOURNER WHITE

- Junior psychology and Spanish double major
- A Brave Change ticket

SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY

ASHLEY BORIA

• Junior mechanical engineering major

ALLIE HOFFMAN

- Freshman criminal justice
- Brave On ticket

SECRETARY OF THE FINANCES

BRIAN IVANCICH

 Sophomore construction major

HUNTER VAUGHN

- Senior political science and accounting double major
- Brave On ticket

SABRC funding requests due

Student organizations hoping to host fall 2015 events may apply for funding from the Student Activities Budget Review Committee.

Funding request forms are available on the SABRC page of Bradley's website and are due Tuesday, March 31 at 11:59 p.m.

Application assistance will be available in the Student Center on March 30 and 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SABRC executive members will help organizations complete their funding request forms and provide clarification on SABRC funding policies.

Those with questions may contact SABRC Chairperson Nick Clark at njclark@mail.bradley.edu.

Spring grads cap and gown orders

Seniors intending to graduate in May can order their caps, gowns and announcements at www.herffjones. com/college/graduation or through the bookstore. Caps and gowns are \$57.35, tax included.

Orders must be completed by March 29, but late orders will be accepted at the increased rate of \$68.18. Undergraduate commencement will be held at 8:45 a.m. May 16 in the Peoria Civic Center. Graduate commencement will also be held at 1:45 p.m. May 16 in Renaissance Coliseum.

POLICE REPORTS

Officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 800 block of Rebecca Place at 3:27 p.m. March 16 because a laptop was reported stolen.

A male student said he was at the 1200 block of Main St. when three unknown males approached him and asked if they could come back to his residence and drink beer with him. The student agreed.

While at his residence, the victim said the three males and he were using his laptop when the victim took one of the males upstairs to meet his roommate. After doing so, the victim said all three males left in a hurry, and he noticed his laptop missing.

• Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Duryea Place after a report was filed regarding a female student running and screaming through campus at 1:05 a.m. March 18.

Officers located the female near the east side of Geisert Hall attempting to climb a fence. The female was screaming, swinging her arms and kicking her legs. Additional officers were called to the scene and helped restrain the female.

When the female was put in an ambulance by Advanced Medical Transport responders, she admitted to taking LSD. She was then transported to OSF for further treatment.

• Officers received a report Jobst Hall restrooms. from a female student at 3:30 p.m. March 22 who said her car had been broken into between March 15 and March 22.

The student parked her car in the Duryea Parking Deck and said her passenger door does not always secure properly.

An unknown amount of change was missing and other items within the vehicle had been moved around. There was no sign of forced entry, and officers have no suspects.

 Officers observed a stopped vehicle in the 1200 block of Garfield Ave. after it went the wrong way in a roundabout at 9:07 p.m. March 17.

When the officer approached the vehicle, the non-student male driver had his left hand in his shoe, which contained two small plastic bags of cannabis.

The male was arrested and transported to Peoria County Jail for possession of cannabis and given a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. The vehicle was impounded due to the male driving on a revoked license.

 Officers received a report from a male faculty member at 9:30 a.m. March 15.

The male said about 10 rolls of toilet paper had been taken from

Officers notified Bradley work control, but there are currently no

 Two officers responded to a report in the 900 block of Elmwood Ave. at 8:38 p.m. March

A group of 20 to 25 individuals were yelling and pushing when the officers arrived on the scene. While some of the individuals ran, one officer witnessed a male non-student punch an unknown victim before running off.

A second officer was able to locate the male and cuff him after a brief struggle. The victim was never located, and the male was sent to Peoria County Jail.

 Officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 1500 block of Bradley Ave. on a trouble report triggered by a fire alarm at 12:51 a.m. March 14.

The report indicated trouble with the first floor common room speaker. Officers found a tub of water had been turned over on the second floor and was leaking through to the first floor speakers, causing the problem.

Officers told residents not to sleep in the first floor common room until the speaker is fixed.

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FIRST robotics students compete in Coliseum

BY MELODY MERCADO Off-staff Reporter

The For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics competition claims to mold young, talented minds by offering challenging scientific and technology challenges.

The FIRST program reaches more than 54,000 students world-wide, and every year regional competitions are held to give students an opportunity to compete for the world championships in St. Louis, according to the US FIRST Robotics Competition website.

Bradley University hosted the Central Illinois Regional, March 18 - 21 in Renaissance Coliseum, where 38 teams ranging from 14 to 18 years old competed to qualify for the world championship April 22-25.

"Approximately six weeks prior to the first competition, teams are all sent the same standard set of parts," Roboteers 2481 senior team member Aaron Lowery said. "These parts include basics such as batteries and motors. We then are allowed to build upon these parts through fundraising and sponsorships."

Robots for this year's competition season averaged about six feet tall and were limited to 120 pounds maximum. Each year, teams are also faced with a different challenge theme that is consistent throughout each competition.

The 2015 season challenge was "Recycle Rush." The goal of the game was to stack as many recycle bins as possible for points. If a green recycling can was placed on top of the stack, the points tripled. Points were also awarded if "lit-

ter" (pool noodles) was placed in the green recycle cans on top of a stack of bins.

Each team is organized by alliances combining three different teams. Team captains, who have compiled a list of possible candidates, choose these alliances.

"Each team should have someone watching the competition and taking notes about the strengths and weaknesses of each robot," College of Engineering and Technology Assistant Dean for Student Success Julie Reyer said. "What they are trying to do is figure out which robots will make the strongest team. You want robots that have complimentary skills."

Even though FIRST is a robotics competition, it promotes convergence with other valuable skill sets such as marketing, journalism, teaching, community involvement and presentation skills.

"This is a nice example of convergence in action, because part of convergence is teaching engineers to understand that there are other points of view," Reyer said. "There's a list of business people and artists that have different points of view that are equally valid. It's a nice example of showing everybody that there's a part of building this robot that is accessible to them."

There are 15 different awards given at the conclusion of the competition. For example, the gracious professionalism awards is given to the team who has exhibited the highest form of professionalism throughout the competition.

The most prestigious award, however, is the Chairman's Award. This is given to the teams who have had a sustained presence on and off the field. They also repre-



photo by Melody Mercado

The FIRST Robotics Competition featured 38 different high school teams from across the region to compete in "Recycle Rush," a game where a robot programmed by the students had to stack recycling bins to earn points. Bradley students were involved in the judging processes.

sent a model for the other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST with community outreach.

Beyond competition, FIRST participants also went on campus tours and were able to attend an open house in Jobst Hall, where students could have direct contact with faculty and the different resources offered through the four different engineering departments.

"Because many of the FIRST participants had not been to our campus before, we wanted to provide an opportunity for them to learn more about the Bradley Experience," Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management Justin Ball said. "Campus visits are a crit-

ical component of a student's college search and, although the tours were not the sole focus of their time here, we hope what the students learned about Bradley, through campus tours and other conversations with Admissions staff, will encourage them to apply and one day attend."

Some FIRST competitors had already been accepted to attend Bradley, along with students contemplating enrollment.

"I have already applied and been accepted into Bradley's mechanical engineering program," ARGOS 1756 senior team member Slade Jewell said. "Getting a chance to see campus and be here for the competition has really helped me confirm that I have made the right decision."

Bradley students were also involved in the event.

"As a judge, I am always inspired by learning a lot from growing young future generations," graduate industrial engineering student Rakesh Ramasamy said. "I have been with FIRST as a mentor and coach [since working with the] 2013 Indian National "Inspire Award" FTC Team... [Now], playing the role of judge has given me loads of experience and exposure while working with several veteran judges and people."

For more information on the winners and the competition, visit usfirst.org.

Ladies of color shine light on BU women

BY TORI MOSES
News Editor

Bradley's chapter of Ladies of Color will host its inaugural Women's Empowerment Banquet today at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center Ballroom.

The event will include dinner, small group discussions and a speech from alumnae Renee Webb (*74).

LOC President Jamara Bell said she first met Webb at a scholarship banquet and decided she needed to reach out to her to speak at the event.

"Right now, [Webb] is doing something completely different from what her college major was," Bell, a junior business management and leadership major, said. "A lot of college students get stuck on figuring out what we want our major to be and what we want for our career. It is important for women to know that they don't have to know everything right now."

Bell said she hopes the event also provides an answer to the

question of what it means to be a woman.

"My definition of a woman is loving yourself and being able to embrace and respect other individuals," Bell said. "It's also knowing who you are as a woman, and that comes with time and experience and finding out your morals."

LOC Secretary Sydney Gresham said she thinks the event will help recognize Bradley women.

"Not a lot of women are recognized on campus for the things that [they] do," sophomore marketing major Gresham said. "This event will bring faculty and staff together to celebrate how society has changed, and it will empower women."

Nearly 60 attendees are registered for the event. However, walk-ins are welcomed.

"I just want everyone to come out and have fun and embrace their womanhood," Bell said. "I also want men to come and appreciate and understand what it means to be a woman."

BU veterans raise awareness, seek campus support

BY MICHAEL ECHEVERRI Off-staff Reporter

An informal veteran "Meet and Greet" was held at the Fieldhouse in Campustown at 5 p.m. March 11. Veteran students, university faculty, National Guard reservists and military dependents attended the event.

"This is supposed to be a new beginning for Bradley veterans, sort of a gathering of the masses," social work major and former Marine Derrick Campbell said. "I'm personally hoping we're able to do something like this every month or so."

The event was sponsored and organized by the Bradley University Social Services Organization (B.U.S.S), a student group of whom Campbell, as well as most of the other attendees, is a member.

"What we are trying to do is make Bradley a more friendly and navigable environment for veterans," B.U.S.S President Dan Smith said. "Part of that is helping veterans network and socialize with each other."

Smith is a former Marine and Gulf War veteran and said he was keenly aware of how difficult it can be to resume civilian life.

"It can be hard to connect with other students," public relations major and Marine photojournalist Alesha Guard said. "We've gone through a lot of experiences that civilians haven't, and that's why events like these are important."

Civil engineering major and Marine sergeant Eric Reynolds also said he found connecting with his peers challenging at times.

"There's a dramatic age difference between you and everyone around you," Reynolds said. "And on top of that, college involves a lot of new experiences, and that can be really disorienting, especially for someone coming from a very structured environment like the military."

Beyond socializing, the "Meet and Greet" was also designed to

be an opportunity for veterans to meet with representatives from organizations like the Peoria Vet Center and Veteran Assistance Commission (VAC).

"We are here to help veterans with their disability claims and make all the bureaucratic processes they have to go through easier," VAC Superintendent Michael Brooks said. "Veterans deal with a lot of red tape and paperwork, which is one of the reasons I really think Bradley University needs a veteran's office."

Guard echoed this sentiment.

"There is a big need for official veteran services, and we're all trying to make up for it as best we can," Guard said. "The B.U.S.S wants to both give back to the broader Bradley community but wants to also secure recognition and resources for veteran students."

Bradley currently has 61 veterans and military dependents.

Interim Registrar accepts permanent position

BY KRISTIN KREHER Managing Editor

Not to get lost amidst the number of high-profile employment shuffles over spring break, Bradley named Andy Kindler as its new Registrar March 17.

As the university's former Associate Registrar since 2004, Kindler was appointed Interim Registrar on Jan. 1 after the position was vacated due to Kathie Beaty's retirement. Kindler assumes the top position surrounded by recent deadlines for midterm grades and upcoming registration periods, both of which rely on technology managed by the Registrar's Office.

"Bradley has made great strides with being one of the first institutions to offer online registration, online transcript ordering and electronic transcript delivery," Kindler said. "However, time is not standing still, and we need to continue thinking about technology improvements and implementations that will benefit our current and future students. Changing our current degree audit system comes to mind here, by possibly replacing it with a more user-friendly version with added degree progress features such as charts, progress displays and web-based modeling of major [and] degree scenarios."

The Registrar may have limited direct contact with students, but they are the person behind the university's academic process.

This includes keeping records of academic reports, processing graduation applications and approvals, overseeing course scheduling and maintaining online sites such as Webster and Sakai.

Kindler, who was an internal candidate for the position, said in a forum earlier this semester that he has aspired to be Bradley's Registrar for quite some time. Now that he has been selected for that role, he has several plans to improve students' educational experiences.

"[We need] to continue moving forward with paperless academic forms for students and faculty," Kindler said. "I would also like to see a Veteran Affairs location on campus with continuous support from the Registrar's Office in conjunction with other campus units so we can serve our veterans in a more professional and collaborative manner."

Recently, the university restructured its General Education Program and developed the Bradley Core Curriculum. Significant changes include more writing-intensive courses to assist with professional development, additional funding for student work and projects and Multidisciplinary Integration courses that will encourage collaboration on projects among students of different academic programs.

With these changes, Kindler



ANDY KINDLER Registrar

will have to manage two sets of codes for general education programming, balancing the old code for current students and the updated code for incoming students.

"We have already started a task force with bi-weekly meetings to ensure that the transition will take place as smoothly as possible without impacting our current and future student population," Kindler said. "It may be too early to determine, but logically and logistically, we may have to run both programs simultaneously... All in all, we are determined to make this transition as smooth as possible."

Drivers talk Safety Cruiser use and etiquette

BY TORI MOSES News Editor

The Hilltop Safety Cruiser program has gained recognition as the Bradley University Police Department's largest and most successful crime prevention program since its inception in November 2013, according to BUPD Chief Brian Joschko.

As the Safety Cruiser provides transportation for an average of 180 students, faculty and staff each day, it is important for passengers to understand proper Safety Cruiser use and etiquette.

Daniel Uhlmann, senior criminal justice major

As a Safety Cruiser driver, Daniel Uhlmann said he thinks students are generally respectful of drivers, but there is a misunderstanding of the service.

"The service is there to provide a safe transport across campus, not necessarily a speedy transport," Uhlmann said. "Drivers are trained to be as efficient as possible by choosing not just the quickest routes but also the safest routes."

Uhlmann also said some stu-

dents do not understand they only need to make multiple calls to the Safety Cruiser if they want to cancel their original request for a ride.

"If you have already called for a ride, you do not need to call back to ensure a faster ride," he said. "If anything, it slows the process down."

When there are long waits for the vans, Uhlmann said he advises students to take advantage of the walking patrol service.

"This part of the service usually has little to no wait time," Uhlmann said.

While driving the Safety Cruiser, students are treated to a variety of experiences.

Uhlmann said his most interesting experience as a Safety Cruiser driver was when a passenger tried and failed to have Jimmy Johns delivered to the van.

"I was a little disheartened when he did not ask if I wanted anything," Uhlmann said.

Rosamaria Lopez, senior criminal justice studies and political science double major

Another driver, Rosamaria Lopez also said there is confusion among students with the use of the service

"The Cruiser cannot wait for passengers at temporary dropoffs," Lopez said. "Due to the high volume of calls, the Cruiser is only to be used for final destinations."

Lopez said the most interesting experience she has had while driving the Safety Cruiser was when a passenger entered the van with a giant stack of 12 cooked waffles.

Her job as a driver is not without rewards, as Lopez said students have been so grateful of the service that they have offered her small gifts.

"Students have offered me pizza vouchers, store coupons, brownies and Rivermen tickets as a token of their appreciation," Lopez said.

Safety Cruiser drivers may never know whether a passenger will bring a fun, funny or anything-but-fun experience, but they can always hope all passengers remember the etiquette tips shared by Uhlmann and Lopez.

Coffee House brews student talent



photo by Lisa Stemmons

Nearly 60 students gathered in the Student Center Ballroom Thursday night to listen to various student artists' covers and original songs as part of Coffee House hosted by ACBU.

BY LISA STEMMONS Staff Reporter

Good tunes were brewing in the Student Center Ballroom March 26 where Activities Council of Bradley University hosted an open mic night with student performers, featuring Acoustic Indie Rock artist Hana

Nearly 60 people joined in on the Coffee House fun while seven students took to the stage to share a mix of original songs and pop culture hits such as "Thinking Out Loud."

After each singer covered one or two songs, artists would pass the mic to the next performer saying, "I don't know who's up next, but I heard they're awe-some."

When Hana Pestle took the stage, she said she was impressed with the young student artists.

"I get to perform at colleges

a lot, and this is definitely one of the most talented schools I've ever been to," Pestle said.

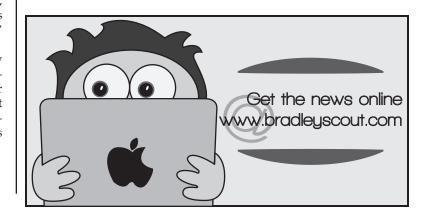
Pestle's setlist included songs from her old CD "This Way," songs that she is currently working on for her next album, covers and a mash-up.

The mash-up incorporated hit songs, "Just Hold on We're Going Home", "Sky Full of Stars" and "Say My Name." Additionally, "Hallelujah", "First Day of My Life" and "Creep" were performed.

Pestle's original songs channeled Alanis Morissette in her style while drawing inspiration from her personal life experiencing, including her first heartbreak in high school.

Pestle grew up in Montana and is currently "living her dream."

For more information, follow Pestle on Twitter @hanatruly.





Spring weather has not officially sprung, but another year of spring break vacation is in the books.

Whether it's catching up on schoolwork, a time for rest and relaxation, or a Panama City Beach excursion, there is always a plethora of humorous stories to share when classes reconvene.

This year, The Scout sought out some of this break's best shenanigans.

By Lisa Stemmons, Staff Reporter

Siesta Key, Florida

'We were walking along the street on St. Patrick's Day when a man wearing only a Speedo and a cowboy hat decided to climb up a light post. I was surprised he even made it up there. Obviously, authorities were called, but it was amusing to watch."

- Freshman health science major Meghan Taylor

Chicago, Illinois

'My boyfriend, friends and I went to get tacos after we left the bar, and some guy sitting across the restaurant started choking. My friend Alex, who is a nursing major, jumped out of the booth and ran over to the guy [to] give him the Heimlich and pretty much saved

- Junior public relations major Emily Barack

STLF service trip

"Nine days, six cities, one trip. That only starts to describe my experience on the Students Today Leaders Forever (STLF) Pay-It-Forward Tour. I spent my week volunteering, coordinating 200+ students from five different schools, and even got interviewed by a news station in Atlanta. It was the journey of a lifetime, and I can't wait to do it again next year!"

Senior economics major Ryan Gutchewsky

Iceland

"I went to Iceland and got to ride Viking horses through a blizzard. I also spent a day in the Blue Lagoon, a hot spring spa. The best part was seeing the gorgeous Northern Lights dance in the sky (and eating Icelandic yogurt, which is the absolute best)."

Sophomore advertising and theatre arts double major Sarah Heilbronner

Havre de Grace, Maryland

"I participated in a 50K in the mountains of Maryland, which involved a course full of snow and mud. However, the best part was a guy in a full Batman costume driving a replica 1966 Batmobile."

- Sophomore mechanical engineering major Ryan Saloma

Panama City Beach, Florida

"Each day at our resort, there was a pool party with free beer, music, games and competitions. Two of the girls from our trip participated in the arm wrestling contest they held. My friend, Molly, ended up winning the contest and a free trip back to spring break next year! We all had a blast cheering her on as she represented Chicago." Senior advertising major Sydney Yeazel

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Revised business core increases flexibility

BY TESSA ARMICH **Copy Editor**

The revised business core will take effect starting fall 2015, as it will add flexibility and distinction to student portfolios, according to the Associate Dean of the Foster College of Business Jason Garrett.

The business core is a set of requirements that students in the Foster College of Business must fulfill to graduate. The core was cut from 56 to 48 hours, six being free electives.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students will automatically be added to the new system, but it is optional for current students.

To transfer into the new system, students must meet with their advisor and fill out a catalog year change form. There are several advantages to the new system, according to Garrett.

"I think [the new business core] will increase four-year graduation rates for our students," Garrett said. "Having fewer requirements [gives] a little more time to make decisions, so it's our hope that it will also help with four year graduation rates, which we consider a benefit to our students and to us as a whole."

Garrett also said the new business core will give students more time to figure out the right major for them.

"I think students who chose to transfer into the new business core will have more flexibility with what kind of program they want to make for themselves and what they want to do after college," business management and administration major sophomore Lauren Cunningham said. "For me, personally, I want to go into real estate management, so having the flexibility to choose a variety of classes would give me the experience to be able to manage my own company."

Junior marketing, management and leadership double major Sharon Mozes was a member of the committee that designed the new business core, and she said there was significant effort made for each change.

"We wanted the core to be something that every business major would need," Mozes said. "[The business core develops] skills that we want students to have and it incorporates a certain depth of knowledge as well as breadth. You get a taste of accounting, you get a taste of marketing and all that, but with increased flexibility, it will allow students to create their own stories through their education."

Mozes said if students want

to double major with the current system, it is very difficult to do. She said some students she knows had to get rid of their double major or turn a major into a minor in order to graduate on time. She said the new system provides students with more flexibility to take the classes they

In addition, the six hours of electives are opportunities for business students to differentiate themselves in the job market, according to Garrett.

"We have a very founded principle that we believe every student in this college is an individual, and to make them all take exactly the same classes doesn't let them express their individuality, and this is really an initiative to get more focus on people being individuals," Garrett said.

According to Garrett, this change will improve the experience of business students.

There were several advising sessions to inform students of the changes when the new core was first announced. The last informational session will be held Tuesday, March 31 at 12:30 a.m. in Baker B52.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month event schedule

Using the hashtag #SAAM, college students nationwide will be shedding light on a dark issue throughout the month of April. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time to make campuses safer, encouraging students to be activists for change, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Bradley's campus has a variety of organizations, from Panhellenic Council to H.E.A.T., that will be hosting events providing support, education and awareness.

April 1: Women's Empowerment Speaker, Erin Foley

• 6-7 p.m. in Neumiller Hall

April 2: Self-defense class with BUPD (women only)

• 8:30-10p.m. in Markin Performance Court

April 3: Take Back the Night Candlelit Walk

• 6:45 p.m. starting on Olin Quad

April 6-7: Dry Erase Board Project

• Add to the board how you will help prevent sexual assault

• 12-3 p.m. on Olin Quad (Rain location: Student Center)

April 14-15: Can I Give You a Kiss?

• Raising awareness of the need to ask for consent by asking students students, if they say yes, a Hershey's chocolate kiss

• 11a.m.-2p.m. by H.E.A.T. in Student Center

April 17: Shades of HERstory

• 7p.m. in Student Center Ballroom

April 22: The Hunting Ground

• Documentary on the toll sexual assault takes on victims, families

• 6:30 pm in Marty Theater

April 23: Poetry Slam and Celebration

• 7 p.m. in Lydia's Lounge

Editorial

Students, take the wheel

Buying a new car is a big decision.

Although transportation is an immediate need, the process in selecting a new vehicle is, by no means, speedy. There is a lot more that goes into purchasing a car than selecting a year, make and

In our search, we outline which special features we're hoping to have in the new vehicle, and we look at a history report to check up on the vehicle's track record. We sit down with advisors to look into financing, loans and which payment plan is ideal for our bank account and our future. We even test drive various vehicles to decide which one best fits our short-term and long-term needs.

It may sound a bit absurd initially, but hiring a new administrative figure at a university is no different. There is a lot more to hiring than just selecting someone based on connections or charisma.

With many high-profile positions to fill at Bradley, we must first outline what it is we're looking for. For every position, this is going to be different. Even from year to year, this may be different. The goal is to identify characteristics, values and a vision that will best apply to the Bradley community moving forward.

Secondly, we need to review the "history report." What experience does each candidate bring to the table? How is that going to make them not only successful, but able to grow and strengthen that office or department while empowering students, faculty and administration to take the university to even greater heights?

Thirdly, how will we secure these needed administrators and leaders in a way that is both competitive in the market and financially intelligent for our university's current state? The budget will balance at the end of this year, but that's due, in part, to a significant budget cut we've already taken.

Finally, will these candidates genuinely prove through open forums, on-campus visits and faceto-face interviews that they are capable of representing who we are and more importantly, who we want to be? Will their platform and vision for the future be aligned with our Hilltop family's platform and vision for the future?

There is a lot to consider, and we have a mere five months before the start of the next academic year to solidify plans and the people executing them. As a result, this leaves us with one question: how do we take our vision (to be an institution of national distinction known for outstanding programs and for the educational experience it provides its students) and make it a reality?

There are open forums for each candidate visiting campus in pursuit of an administrative position. Do not waste these opportunities to "take the test drive" and see which "vehicle" is really the right one to "drive" us into the future.

In a matter of eight months, we will have a new president, provost, athletic director, men's basketball coach, executive director of diversity and inclusion, associate provost for information resources and technology and registrar. This is, of course, paired with all of the current faculty interviewing elsewhere, such as the engineering dean and business dean.

If ever there was a time to give our feedback, it is now. There are so many changes coming our way that we really, truly do have the power to voice and act upon our expectations for Bradley University's future.

We've got numerous years, makes and models to choose from, and our level of involvement will determine the next five to seven years financially, academically, athletically, emotionally and struc-

Stay informed, stay engaged, and don't be afraid to ask tough questions. We're in the driver's seat, now.

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Opinion

Spring fuels 'Procrastination Nation'



ckwiecinski@mail.bradley.edu Asst. Sports Editor

Ah, spring time: one of the best times of the year to be on a college campus.

As soon as the sun comes out, warming the frigid Peoria tundra, students can be spotted frolicking on the quads, suntanning, playing catch or getting crunk, even though the temperature is still below 50 degrees.

This usually means one thing to students: summer is just around the corner.

Alongside all of the games, however, there's still a half semester left to endure, and sometimes it's just easier to take the back road when it comes to academics.

However, like Papa Kwiecinski would say, finishing strong is the ultimate goal.

Although the need to finish strong is always an important objective, it feels like a springtime slide is unavoidable.

Now, I need to make this clear; I'm not completely immune to this kind of spring slump.

I'm also not the only one that work.

struggles with a few procrastination problems now and then, and I'm sure I won't be the last.

In times like these, finding a fair medium is always the best solution, though it is important to make sure that bad habits don't develop out of either side.

Getting the work done is the main priority; that's obvious.

Completely encasing yourself in your work is a sure way to get things done. But, gosh, all work and no play is not the optimal

You've got to be sure to do at least a few relaxing things so you don't overload on stress, especially if there is tons of fun to be had.

Leaving the books behind and having fun is an important part of making sure you don't over-

However, having too much entertainment is possible and can drive us off of our desired path.

Fun is what spring is meant to bring out, especially after months of what seems like the Ice Age.

I'm not going to preach to you how to have some fun, while making sure you all do your homework. If you can't mediate something as simple as that, then you should probably re-evaluate some things.

Whether you decide to celebrate weather that isn't in the teens or lock yourself in the library, remember the earlier proverb I shared from my dad.

Finishing the year strong is the objective, but how exactly you finish the year is up to you.

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"THE OFFICE" IN THE OFFICE

Staff

Sam Pallini, Editor-in-Chief: Lisa Angela Repo

The character of Angela is kind of terrifying upon your first introduction. I can wholeheartedly say I was terrified of Sam in my first few weeks working at the Scout. However, both are essential to keeping productivity up in their respective offices. I would argue that Sam is much more personable than Angela, who is a known ice-queen cat lady. Sam's not quite there yet.

Kristin Kreher, Managing Editor: Pam

Pam started out as a very soft-spoken, somewhat meek character. At first glance, one may think that this still holds true for Pam, the same way that this assumption can be made for Kreher. With hilarious one-liners in tow, Kristin truly is the Pam that keeps the office together.

Tori Moses, News Editor: Kelly

Kelly is one of the more bubbly characters in the Dunder-Mifflin office. She has her moments of absolute insanity, which, thank heavens, Tori does not have. However, Tori, like Kelly, manages to bring her special brand of caring to our office, which fosters a kind of unity that would be lacking without her.

Lisa Stemmons, Reporter: Meredith

Meredith is absolutely hilarious and incredibly inappropriate in the Dunder-Mifflin office. Just about everything she says is unintentional comic gold. Lisa is not quite at the same level of inappropriateness as Meredith, but her antics can sometimes be as equally out there as Meredith.

Jaylyn Cook, Asst. Voice Editor: Darryl

Darryl is a man of few words, but when he does speak, you can't help but laugh out loud. Jaylyn is 100 percent the Scout office's Darryl; his commentary on our ridiculous conversations is always perfectly timed, and the delivery is always on point. Darryl brings the swag to the office, and Jaylyn does the same for the Scout.

Garth Shanklin, Sports Editor: Stanley

Sometimes the similarities between Stanley and Garth are too real to handle. Both are the most laid-back members of the office, but only because of their "I don't even wanna know" attitude. Their nonchalance is the most laughable aspect, but makes it impossible to love them uncontrollably. Just look out if you get under their skin.

Chris Kwiecinski, Asst. Sports Editor: Jim

If there were ever a person who was more Jim than Jim, it's Chris Kwiecinski. He is just as subtly sassy as his TV doppleganger, and you feel like there actually is a camera in the room when he turns and mouths "what the...?" to you during the stranger moments in the office. Jim is pretty much a puppy dog, and Chris is just as much a ball of fluff

Chris Walls, Graphics Editor: Creed

As one of the more interesting characters on the show, Creed brings an edge that you didn't know you needed. Walls does the same in the Scout office, whether it's in the form of a goofy video or a crazy song you've never heard of. The main difference between the two is that you wouldn't feel uneasy leaving children unattended around Walls the same way you would around Creed.

Dan Smith, Photo Editor: Kevin

Kevin is a ball of pure goodness. He may have his moments of "distraction," but his goodness shines brighter than the shiny objects that steals his attention. Dan is not quite as absentminded as Kevin, but he is just as good hearted and fun loving and accepting as Kevin.

This week, the beloved show "The Office" turned 10 years old. Here in the Scout office, we have many moments that are reminiscent of "Office" moments. Therefore, to keep the show's memory ever present, Voice decided to present a "who's who" from our office to the Dunder-Mifflin office.

Maggie Cipriano, Photo Editor: Karen

While Maggie doesn't get to have as much in-office action, she's one of our favorite editors. The same can be said for Karen, who had a brief stint on the show, but was Jim's love interest. No worries, though, Maggie and Kweicinski have never had a thing.

Kristin DiMaggio, Voice Editor: Erin

Let's be honest, who else would write so nicely about our crazy staff as me/Erin?

Tessa Armich, Copy Editor: Phyllis

You can't help but love Phyllis. She's silly and says some outlandish things, but at the end of the day, she cares more about the office than she does for herself. Tessa is the same way, except she might have a little more sass than Phyllis does—and when that sass is verbalized, your sides will end up hurting from laughing.

Alex Kryah, Sports Reporter: Ryan

As one of the more realistic people in the office, Ryan sees through all the shenanigans and gets his job done. Alex, like Ryan, was thrown into the mess that is the Scout office and took to the environment swimmingly. Both Alex and Ryan know how to goof

Calvin Walden, Web Editor: Dwight

We all know Dwight. We all love Dwight for his bluntness and his quick comments. You don't want to get on Dwight's bad side, and the same applies for Calvin. After making him stay all hours of the night to place stories online, we've seen his angrier side. Regardless, Calvin brings Dwights quirks and adds a lovable realness to them.

Travis Kelso, Advertising Manager: Andy

Andy is an office favorite, and Travis brings the same kind of joy. While he may not sing as much around the Scout office as Andy does, he is a hell of a musician and brings a level of fun to our office that would not be the same without him.

Sierra Buechler, Design Editor: Holly

On paper, Holly is very professional and proper. A little bit under the surface, she's surprisingly goofy and silly. Sierra will surprise you after a conversation about readying herself for the zombie apocalypse. Seriously, that's a real conversation we've had and it was awesome.



BY JAYLYN COOK KENDRICK

If you expect Kendrick Lamar's "To Pimp A Butterfly" to be anything like his previous album, "Good Kid, M.A.A.D City," I'm here to tell you that you'll be sorely disappointed. However, the album itself is far from a disappointment.

"Butterfly" doesn't boast a mainstream sound like "Good Kid," nor does it follow any sort of narrative theme. Instead, it makes use of funk and jazz-inspired production to provide a soundtrack for Kendrick's deft fusion of spoken word poetry and hip-hop wordplay.

A handful of collaborators, including Snoop Dogg, Ronald Isley and George Clinton (whom younger ones may recognize from his cameo in "Good Burger"), leave their marks throughout the track listing. Despite the different talents they

to clash with one another.

As for the content, the best way I can describe it is to paraphrase my roommate, who said that the lyrics of each song sounded like they were just rampant thoughts that Kendrick wrote down while sitting alone in a room somewhere.

Although that may not accurately represent his creative process, Kendrick's lyrics are more personal and self-reflective than his past works, and he wastes no time in letting the listener know how he feels about certain issues within our society.

"You hate me, don't you?" he asks rhetorically during "The Blacker The Berry," which is a take on race, black culture and hypocrisy in America. "You hate my people, your plan is to terminate my culture ... You vandalize my perception but can't take style

mouth with so much force and aggression that you can almost feel a slight sting at the end of each bar, while simultaneously being hypnotized by the poetic rhythm of it all. It's beautiful, it's ugly and, most importantly, it's honest.

The Kendrick Lamar you'll hear on "Butterfly" is not the same one that we've become accustomed to in recent memory. While his talent remains in focus, his effortlessly calm and collected demeanor takes the backseat for most of the album.

Instead, we're introduced to a Kendrick that is unrestrained and has a lot to get off of his chest. It may not be easy for everyone to hear what he has to say, but it'll definitely get people talking, which is something we need more of these days.

HAPPY HAPPY JOY JOY BY LISA STEMMONS

Let's talk about happiness; that beautiful right that we are guaranteed in the Constitution, which is often the most difficult to achieve. I think it's interesting that our founding fathers specifically wrote the "pursuit of happiness" because a constant state of happiness is hard to grasp and even harder to hold on to.

Nonetheless, we all continue to strive every day toward some form of happiness. For some, being happy is the ultimate goal and life's sole purpose. It's an important concept. And who better to provide insight on it than "Happy" singer himself, Pharrell Williams?

Pharrell briefly spoke to New York students at the United Nations Headquarters on March 20, the International Day of Happiness. He talked about all the opportunities and experiences that his love for songs brought him but, put simply, he had one clear message: Music may have been what brought him happiness, but it is vital to find the trigger that induces laughter and smiles in your own life.

"Happiness is your birthright; it's a reaction to something or someone or a moment, and you have this birthright, and you have access to that as long as you're breathing," Pharrell said.

I realized that it's the little things that bring me the most joy in my life. There are a million and one how-to find happiness books, but when it comes down to it, I don't believe this feeling of bliss is something that you merely stumble upon. You find happiness within yourself.

Stop depending on other people, material objects or places as your main source of delight. The only person that is responsible for your happiness is you. Wake up tomorrow with the resolution to be happy and watch the day work

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PRE-DATING CYBER BULLYING // BY KRISTIN DIMAGGIO

Anyone who has seen a TED Talk can tell you that they truly are ideas worth sharing. World-renowned scientists, writers, musicians and business professionals have graced the stages at TED Talks around the world.

This month, however, one speaker gave a talk about shame and humiliation that resonated in such a way that only years of experience and growth could foster. Monica Lewinsky, who is known for her affair with President Bill Clinton in the late '90s, gave thought-provoking insight to the harassment and abuse that can result from one bad choice.

Her story is one that predates all social media and was the first news story to break online rather than in traditional mediums. In her speech, she talks about how deadly humiliation can be for people involved and how much easier it is today than ever before to be cyber bullied—a word that did not exist when her story broke.

One does not have to look very far to find this kind of harassment online; you could probably go to any video on YouTube and find some sort of ill-willed comment. And while this falls under the freedom of speech crutch that so many people rely on for their negativity, Lewinsky argues we have a bigger duty with this freedom.

"We talk a lot about our right to freedom of expression, but we need to talk more about our responsibility to freedom of expression," Lewinsky said in her TED Talk.

Today, a person doesn't need to sleep with the president to be immortalized, for lack of a better term, positively or negatively. With the creation and popularity that memes have on the Internet, average people are thrown into this unwanted spotlight because of one photograph that may circulate.

Some may argue that every person has a choice to partake in or refrain from certain behaviors that may put them at risk for this kind of harassment and bullying. Although that is a valid point, it is also important to keep the humanity of the attacked person in mind.

I would be hard pressed to put Monica Lewinsky in the same category as the Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers chanting racial slurs or other people who are conducting themselves in ways that are physically, mentally or emotionally harmful to others. The only person that Lewinsky may have hurt besides herself is Hillary Clinton, who seems to be doing pretty well these days.

The Internet is an invention that has brought so many people together, and yet its ability to drive people apart and attack each other is unbelievable. Although we aren't all putting forth a kind of negativity that can drive someone to take their own life, all of us are bystanders in the cyber world.

It's never been easier to use technology as a soapbox for negativity, but we all have the ability to change the messages. Let's seize the opportunity to spread positivity instead.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT BUZZFEED // BY JAYLYN COOK

It's no secret that many of the things promoted on websites like BuzzFeed aren't exactly the finest pieces of journalism on the Internet. A recent example would be an article I read titled "Timmy Turner from 'The Fairly OddParents' is Ridiculously Hot Now." I honestly can't describe the amount of shame I felt afterward.

BuzzFeed is not a source that many rely on for hard news, and although the site does a decent job keeping readers updated on various current events stories and issues happening in the world around us, the only content that ever seems to go viral is stuff like the above mentioned article.

Maybe this is more BuzzFeed's fault than the readers,' as they are the ones who decide what is considered newsworthy, especially when they use headlines that express how much we "need to know" or "must do" throughout our everyday lives. Unless you're some sort of robot, though, we still have the ability

to decide what content is or isn't worth a look.

There's nothing necessarily wrong with reading fun, tongue-in-cheek articles, especially with all of the negativity seen within most top stories. But what exactly does our preference to click and share fluff pieces instead of things that actually matter say about our generation?

If you go online and Google the words "Millenial" and "ignorant" together, you'll come across a cache of posts saying that we're apathetic and unaware of everything that's going on outside of our personalized social bubbles. Although that may not be true of every young person, it's a shocking reality for many.

I'm not trying to chastise anyone or to discourage people from having fun online, as I love to share silly BuzzFeed quizzes myself every now and then. What I am saying is that as future leaders of this country, we must actively become aware of the

issues and events that are going to shape our lives for the years to come.

Reading or watching the news may not be the most enjoyable things to do, but it's our duty to always remain informed so we can prove to the naysayers that everything will be in good hands down the road.

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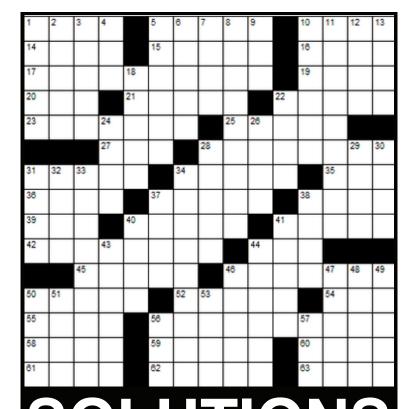
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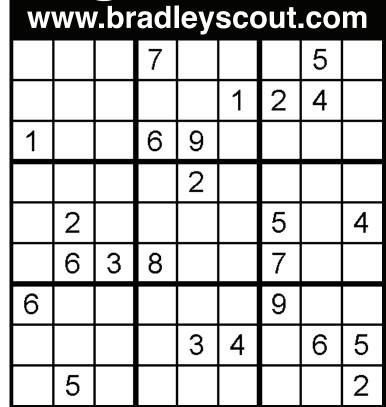
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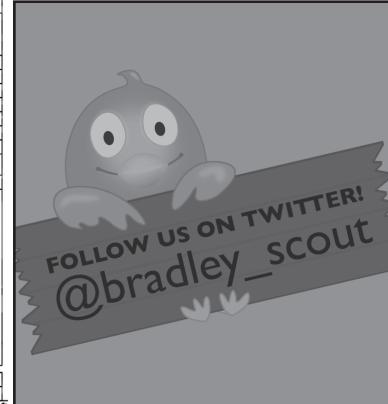
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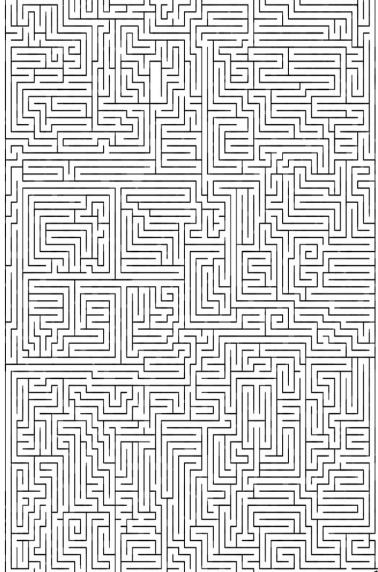
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Campus Schocked by US Rep. resignation

BY TORI MOSES News Editor

When U.S. Representative Aaron Schock announced on March 17 his intention to leave office, reaction across the Hilltop to the investigation and resignation of its alumnus varied.

Schock's decision to take leave was a result of allegations brought up over the past few weeks surrounding his expenditure of taxpayer and campaign donor money.

"I think everyone was shocked with the resignation," executive director of the Institute of Principled Leadership, Brad McMillan, said. "It came so fast and so swift."

With Schock ('02) being a Bradley graduate, he has been present on campus and in Peoria for various events, and some students said they have held him in high regard.

"I've always looked up to the congressman and have a lot of respect for him," sophomore Shelby Taluc, a former intern for Schock, said.

Additionally, a picture and description of Schock is currently highlighted on Bradley's principled leadership website as well as in packets. McMillan said this is something that needs to be changed.

"No formal charges have been brought, but the perception is out there, and we have to respond to that," McMillan said.

Former President of Bradley Republicans Beth Knapinski ('14) said she thinks Schock was right to resign.

"He can't undo what he's done," Knapinski said. "All Americans, Bradley students included, should be civically involved...and I think the biggest thing we need to demand is accountability and authenticity from our leaders."

Despite Schock's situation, however, McMillan said he believes Bradley will maintain its strong reputation.

"Bradley has a very rich history of sending very good public servants to either Washington, D.C. or other places in government," McMillan said.

According to McMillan, it is also important to remember that Schock made several positive contributions to Bradley and his congressional district.

"Even with these allegations, he has a proud record of serving the district that will always be his legacy," McMillan said. "You can't take away the good work he's done, but as I tell my students, it takes many years to build a strong reputation, and it takes a very short time to tear it down. That's what we've seen unfold."

Although McMillan stands by the "good things" Schock has done, he said he thinks it will be difficult for Schock to re-enter the public arena.

"When you have charges and allegations that directly question your ethics and your integrity, that's really hard to recover from," McMillan said.

Knapinski said she thinks serious reflection needs to be put toward where Schock wants to

"It's essentially first about regaining the trust of everyone," Knapinski said. "Constituents, business partners, the universityeveryone was affected by this."

With Schock resigning



AARON SCHOCK

from Congress, the House of Representatives' ethics investigation is over. However, the Justice Department can still decide to pursue legal charges.

Last week, members of Schock's current and former staff were given subpoenas to appear before a grand jury in Springfield this April.

"That was the first specific indication that federal authorities were investigating," McMillan said. "So, it's gotten to a pretty serious level."

However, McMillan said he thinks Schock will be able to recover from this situation.

"Schock is a very smart, entrepreneurial individual who I think will rebound successfully in the private sector," McMillan said.

Clearing up confusion about job search resources

BY TORI MOSES

News Editor

Bradley hosts two large job and internship fairs, as well as seven smaller, specific fairs every year. However, these and other Smith Career Center resources may not be used to their full potentials.

According to Executive Director of the SCC Jon Neidy, it is not difficult to find employers to come to Bradley from industries that typically recruit at job fairs. Despite this, there may not be employers from some specific majors because of the way those industries hire.

'Sometimes, students aren't informed enough or haven't been taught the way their particular majors hire," Neidy said. "[For example,] theater companies aren't at job fairs hiring theater majors because that's just not how the industry works. They might go to a conference or open audition, but not a job fair."

Junior public relations major Josephine Mallari said she thinks the list of job fair employers can be misleading because it will advertise opportunities for communication and business majors together when she believes employers are often just looking for marketing and other business majors.

"As a student studying communication, it's a waste of my time trying to prepare and get ready for job fairs when in the end I leave with nothing," Mallari

According to Associate Director of the SCC Molly Drenckpohl, students should focus less on finding employers for a specific major and more on how students can market themselves to companies with the skills they have gained from their fields of study.

"It might be sitting down and figuring out what employers would like your skills— what jobs would I like that are similar to what I want to do and would help me gain those transferable skills to where I want to be," Drenckpohl

Neidy said it is also important to remember that Bradley may not have a significant reputation or enough students within a major to warrant a company coming to campus to interview.

"We don't have enough teacher education majors to warrant a teacher job fair, so Bradley encourages students to go to Illinois State's teacher job fair," Neidy

According to Drenckpohl, the job fairs offer not only local employers, but also companies from a variety of places. However, she said if students think they are unable to find a company from a certain location at the fairs, they should utilize the alumni portion of LinkedIn, which contains over 32,000 contacts.

Students using the tool are able to filter their search by the alumni's locations, companies and areas of work.

"Bradley alum are so passionate about helping Bradley students," Drenckpohl said. "Ideally, you'll get some good advice, and in a perfect world they'll forward your résumé to their connections."

Students give feedback on diversity and inclusion director candidates

BY TESSA ARMICH Copy Editor

The two candidates for Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Monique Jernigan and Norris Chase, held open forums with students two weeks ago to give students the opportunity to express their concerns and opinions about what is required of this position.

Jernigan received her master's degree in student affairs higher education from Indiana State University, and Chase received his master's degree in student affairs counselors education from Clemson University.

Chase has served as Bradley's Interim Director of Multicultural Student Services since November 2014 after being appointed to the position from Assistant Director. Jernigan is currently the assistant director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

The change in director will precede the change in name from Multicultural Student Services to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the end of the semes-

At the forums, students voiced their opinions and asked candidates questions about their plans for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and how each would develop diversity efforts on cam-

"I think in a director position, that is someone who really needs to interact with the students and create a relationship with the people on campus because the director before, not that she didn't interact, but I felt like a lot of people didn't even know who she was," junior public relations major Kaprice Box said.

Being able to relate to students was one characteristic students said they were looking for in a

"I think it's really important for the director to also listen to the feedback that the students have to say and what they think has to change on campus, or what they would like to see more," sophomore health science major Gaby Rivera said. "Interacting is definitely [important]."

Another issue students mentioned was the lack of campus unity in multicultural events.

"In regards to the multicultural center, I wish there was a little bit more campus unity," Box said. "I feel the multicultural center does things, and a lot of multicultural students show up, and you'll have four or five non-multicultural students just trickled in between. I wish that it was a little more uni-

Junior community wellness major Celine Coleman echoed this, saying she would like to see a greater variety of students at the



NORRIS CHASE

events. According to Coleman, the director should be a strong voice for under-represented students to the faculty and administration.

They need to be willing to collaborate with other departments on campus because that's what diversity is all about," Coleman said. "It's not just trying to represent under-represented students, but it's [also] about bringing all



MONIQUE JERNIGAN

students together of different backgrounds, religions, races. That's why the name is being changed to diversity and inclusion; we're supposed to be a com-

The new director is expected to be announced at the beginning of next week, according to the Vice President for Student Affairs Nathan Thomas

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would be. If the victim does not, they will leave. It is not a mandated part of the process.

"[An advocate's job] is information and support," Boland said. "There's a very lengthy forensic exam. [If they want], we'll stay with them and explain all of that."

Boland detailed how the advocate would serve as the support system for the victim, providing them with options, resources and explanations for the hospital process and more. Following a hospital visit, the advocate would follow up with the victim about 24 hours later.

"What we would do then is share opportunities for counseling and other services," Boland said. "Our therapists are free and confidential."

Boland said the most notable aspect of the process is the extent to which the advocates go to protect and serve their patients' confidentiality.

We have a higher level of confidentiality than attorney-client privilege or doctor-patient privilege," Boland said. "We have never successfully had a case subpoenaed that we've had to give up."

Bradley University Director for Student Support Services and Title IX Coordinator Anne Hollis said the advocates at the Center for the Prevention of Abuse are a reliable and credible group because they know Peoria laws, Bradley policies and hospital procedures well enough to assist students confidentially in all aspects.

Boland said even all victims and their supporters are welcome to reach out to the Center for confidential, free services at any time.

"I encourage them to reach out for support even one or two times after being assaulted, just getting

ctual and Cultural Activities Committee (ICAC)

that additional support," Boland said. "A little bit of guidance by having a sounding board is going to provide you with a lot of information and some important groundwork to help the healing process."

The Center offers counseling, peer support groups, family support, literature and even legal

"A legal advocate, should they choose that route, will be there for [the victim] through transporta-

"We need to change the conversation to asking for consent. This needs to be on the

Director for Student Support Services

people, not the victim." - Anne Hollis

tion, court preparation, compensation, taking statements [and] police reports," Boland said. "It can be very empowering to take it through the system...and find a

Boland said it is important to be there for the victim and for each other, especially as college

level of acceptance."

"Statistics tell us that young people feel invincible or protected, and it is certainly not always that way," she said. "Please understand it can and does happen to anyone and everyone. We all need to be aware and prepared, have each other's back and keep each other safe."

HOSPITAL EXAMINATIONS

OSF Hospital Pediatric Quality Coordinator Carolyn Henricks and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner [SANE] team member Stefanie Clarke outlined the process a male or female would go through from start to finish if the victim chooses

to pursue the route of a hospital examination.

"When you first walk up to our front desk, we'll ask your name, date of birth and what brings you in to see us," Clarke said. "The moment we hear 'sexual assault,' we stop asking questions. You'll get your own private room to wait in. You don't sit in the waiting room or regular [emergency] room because we consider sexual assault survivors to be on the priority level of a heart attack or a stroke."

Clarke said from that point on, the focus is on providing comfort and care for the victim.

"I sit down with my patient first, and we talk,"

she said. "I get their medical history, and then I go step-by-step and have them tell me, in detail, what happened. I give them options and explain what happens next."

Clarke said patients' options are varied, and it is up to them to decide which route they wish to pursue. One option includes testing for STDs and HIV with no police involvement. Another includes only receiving medical treatment. Still another involves retrieving a DNA sample and getting the police involved.

According to Clarke, DNA samples are collected by the "scraping of fingernails, combing or brushing of hair, blood and urine tests, and even skin swab samples."

"The idea behind having a SANE nurse is that you can tell me [your story], and if you want, the police; but the only person you have to tell your detailed story to is me," Clarke said.

If a DNA sample is retrieved, it will be transported to a crime lab in Morton in the case a victim decides to pursue further legal action, according to Henricks.

"A person who commits sexual assault can be prosecuted based on how many times they enter the body [of the victim]," Henricks said. "That kit, once collected, is taken to the lab by the police officer. If we do that kit, then we do have to tell the police."

Clarke said, however, that if a victim chooses later to not pursue legal action, he or she could always go to the crime lab within one month and say they do not want the sample to be run.

One comment Clarke said she hears most often is that legal action is not pursued because the victim teels his or her story is not believable.

"We do believe you, and we'll never doubt that," she said.

To obtain all of the DNA samples and perform proper treatments, the SANE nurse must end with a pelvic exam, Clarke said.

"We will make it as quick as possible," she said. "You'll be in stirrups for less than five min-

From the door to discharge, Henricks said the process takes between four and six hours.

Clarke said, no matter what, the victim is never at fault.

"Those are lies we tell ourselves," she said. "Did you put yourself at risk? Possibly. Almost every single case involves alcohol, but there's no judgment at all. That doesn't mean you need to be raped. You didn't ask for that. Just because [a woman] wears a short skirt or goes to a party doesn't mean she's asking to be raped."

Henricks echoed Clarke's message, adding that being drugged or drunk does not equal consent, even if it is a boyfriend or girl-

"We still have the right to say no," Henricks said.

Those treated for sexual assault will typically be financially covered under Illinois state law, according to Henricks. There are also follow-up vouchers that can be given to revisit a doctor if problems that spring from a sexual assault, such as a yeast infection, are present.

Finally, Henricks said victims should not feel alone in this pro-

"Two thirds of those assaulted know their perpetrator," Henricks said. "I want [victims] to know that it's not their fault; they are not to blame. We have resources for counseling and treatment. I want more people to come in and not have to live with it and suffer

ON-CAMPUS PROCEDURES

Bradley University Director for Student Support Services and Title IX Coordinator Anne Hollis said her role is to advocate for the student victims.

"[When I am notified of a sexual assault case], I reach out to the victim," she said. "When I do, I present to them, 'Here are your rights through the university, legally, both or neither. This is your choice what you want to

Hollis said the focus is on the health and healing of the student, and the route taken to that healing is the student's choice.

"It is important to understand [that sexual assault] is a crime of power, and we don't want to victimize [the student] again by taking the power," she said. "I tell them their options and that they need to do whatever they need to do to heal."

In most Bradley cases, Hollis said the victim chooses not to pursue legal action; however, Hollis said there are many options beyond legal reporting that are available.

"Part of offering them these options is not to dissuade them from reporting but to empower them so that they have control of what happens next," Hollis said. "We still have services even if they want to do nothing legally. We can move them to a different [residential] hall or help on the academic side by offering them confidential extra help without telling professors. We can offer counseling, health exams for STDs, and we also can provide no-contact orders."

According to The Law Dictionary, a no-contact order "prohibits a person from being in physical or verbal contact with another person...If broken, the defendant may receive a fine or jail time with a felony or misdemeanor charge."

"On our campus, this could

mean, for example, [banning the perpetrator] from the residence hall the victim lives in," Hollis said. "We can move their classes, too."

Regardless of the route the student chooses to take, Hollis said the process almost always remains confidential.

"The only time we may need to move forward [legally] is when a weapon is used, there is more than one perpetrator, there are cameras recording it, it is involving a minor, or the location at which the sexual assault occurred is a repeat location [that reveals a sexual assault trend]," she said.

Hollis said one thing students can do is to center their approaches to sexual assault on creating an environment where asking permission for sexual activity is commonplace and not just assumed.

"We spend a lot of time talking about how to protect yourself from this happening," she said. "We need to change the conversation to asking for consent. This needs to be on the people, not the victim."

POLICE INVOLVEMENT

Bradley University Police Chief Brian Joschko said the number one concern when a student comes to the BUPD with a sexual assault report is the safety of the victim and attention paid to whether or not immediate medical care is

"Once that assessment is made, we will begin a preliminary investigation by speaking with the victim," he said. "Although we recommend the interview occur at the Police Department, we can conduct it at the location of preference for the victim."

Joschko said providing support for the victim through moral support is also important.

"We always will look to find someone who can provide support for the victim," he said. "Those support providers could be friends, but we also have counselors, Student Affairs professional staff or members of the Center for Prevention of Abuse available."

Deciding on whether or not to pursue immediate legal action is a up to the victim, Joschko said.

"The decision to file criminal charges is not something that needs to be immediately decided, and the victim does not need to provide the identity of the suspect at this point," he said. "Regardless of those choices, we will collect any evidence that may be available so that it can be preserved for later possible prosecution. We always recommend that victims see a SANE nurse."

He also said 'no means no' and giving consent needs to be the message students spread.

"People need to know that it is not okay to sexually assault someone, it is not okay to grope someone, and it is not okay to take advantage of a person under the influence of alcohol or drugs," he

For a full listing of services offered by BUPD and Bradley University, view the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report on the Bradley website.



Former reliever talks Bradley career, MLB life

Sports Reporter

In 2009, Rob Scahill saw his dream come true. In the eighth round of the 2009 First Year Major League Baseball Player Draft, the Colorado Rockies selected the 6-foot 2-inch right-handed pitcher from Bradley University.

Scahill, a Lombard native, was with the Rockies for three seasons before being traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates this past off-season. He's eagerly waiting what's next in store.

"Being traded was kind of like closing a door with the Rockies," Scahill said. "I'm excited for the new opportunity that has presented itself."

Scahill pitched for three years at Bradley and finished with an ERA of 4.70. After missing his sophomore year due to injury, he was a lights-out pitcher for the Braves his junior year. He fanned 79 hitters over 83.2 innings while opposing teams only hit .244.

His final year was hampered by an oblique injury, yet his production didn't halt. In four starts at home, Scahill was 3-0 with a miniscule 0.86 ERA. Hitters managed just a .246 average off Scahill in 2009.

"I thought Bradley prepared me well for professional baseball," Scahill said. "I got to play good D1 competition for three years, and it prepared me to deal with the dayto-day business in baseball."

Scahill described his time at Bradley as "a growing experience." He said his Bradley experience is one that he enjoyed, but he has grown fond of the professional



Former Bradley Brave Rob Scahill, shown above pitching for the Tulsa Drillers, the AAA affiliate of the Colorado Rockies. Scahill pitched for Bradley from 2006 to 2009 before being drafted by Colorado in the eighth round. This offseason, Scahill was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The professional lifestyle began in Colorado, when he was called up to the Rockies in the middle of the 2012 season. In his two full seasons since, Scahill has worked out of the bullpen as a middle-reliever. He racked up 57 innings in 41 games with the Rockies, striking out 35 with an ERA of 4.42.

This season will be much different for Scahill. As opposed to being on a cellar-dwelling team, the Pirates are a National League Central Division contender. The former Bradley standout is now

just trying to find a role with the

"My goal is to make the opening day roster and help them win a World Series," Scahill said. "I think we're going to have a great team and a great core of guys play hard and play the game the right way."

The Pirates have a talented roster, especially on the pitching staff. Scahill will get the opportunity in the spring to pick up tips from veterans A.J. Burnett and Francisco

"I haven't had that much inter-

action with A.J., but when I get the opportunity I want to pick his brain. " Scahill said. "He's a top strikeout guy in the league every year. I'm looking forward to picking his brain."

Scahill noted that the constant travel is tough for him because he rarely gets to see his family during the season. However, it was special for his family to see him earn his second career win in Chicago.

"It was nice to have all my family and friends there," Scahill said. "There were about 50 people

at the game; everyone was able to make it. It was awesome; it was something I dreamed about when I was younger."

His dream has become a reality, and now, Scahill is just trying to live in the moment as a professional baseball player.

"I've loved getting to know everybody, being around them on a day-to-day basis and just competing and having a good time," Scahill said.

Women's basketball falls to Loyola, looks forward to next year

A week after the men's bas-

ketball team ended their sea-

son against Northern Iowa in

the Missouri Valley Conference

Tournament, the women's basket-

ball team's year ended in the same

their season end by Loyola-

Chicago for the second straight

swept Loyola in the regular sea-

son, fell victim to a first half of cold

shooting and could not recover,

but we shot 18 percent in the

first half," women's head coach

Michael Brooks said. "The normal-

referred to came from on the court

even with their stoic defense.

"We turned them over 31 ti

year, losing 67-55.

Only the women's team had

The women's team, which

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Assistant Sports Editor



photo by Dan Smith

cy and that [big] stage played into the fact that we didn't perform to the best of our ability that day." The normalcy that Brooks

> as well as off the court. "I had to leave, I wasn't at practices for the last week of our season because of my mother's illness and I wanted to be there for her passing," Brooks said. "Life trumps basketball at times. My staff did a wonderful job of preparing them."

> Despite the staff's efforts to prepare the team in Brooks' absence,

they couldn't overcome Loyola, who led by 18 with 12 minutes left in the second half.

With their season reaching it's end, Brooks took note of the six freshmen that saw major time over the course of the year.

"I don't think we can be any happier with the adjustment to college, the way that they learned how to play the college game and [how they] started to play as one," Brooks said. "It was very difficult for them to be thrown in the fire."

Freshmen such as Tamva Sims. Anneke Schlueter and Danielle Brewer all saw significant time in the latter portion of the season due to their performance, which Brooks said has improved immensely since the beginning of the year.

"I don't think there was one of them that we weren't happy with their progress," Brooks said. "Now we can start to build because they understand what this process is like and what the Valley is like."

However, as pleased as Brooks with the freshmen, he voiced his disagreement with Sims not making either the MVC All-Freshmen or the MVC All-Defensive team.

"I think it's a travesty that she didn't make the freshmen team... and didn't make the defensive team as the number one shot blocker in the league," Brooks said. "I'm not really quite sure...

what drugs [the other coaches] were on."

Despite their dismal record of 6-24, Brooks said that his team's defense, led by Sims, was one of the biggest positive take aways from the season.

"I think the last few games of the year showed you what we can do," Brooks said. "We could lock people down [and] we could hold people below 65 points. Our problem was putting the ball in the hole."

Brooks also said that even though generating offense was their main issue this past season, a full offseason of work will establish each players roles for the 2015-2016 season.

"We've got to generate more offense in the half court, and I think we have kids that can do that," Brooks said. "I think it's going to take a little more time this offseason for them to establish their new roles, but it's great that we have them for the fall and in the summer."

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Women's basketball head coach Michael Brooks coaches the Braves during the team's 72-66 loss to SIU in February.

Tennis knocks off Southern over spring break



Senior Cassia Wojtalik won her match against New Orleans for Bradley's only point against the Privateers.

BY CHRIS KWIECINSKI Assistant Sports Editor

Even though it's been almost two weeks since they've been on a court, the Bradley women's tennis team is prepping for conference play when they face Northern Iowa April 3.

The last time the team saw in game action was in Louisiana, when they took on Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU), Southern University and New Orleans University.

While the team snagged a win against Southern, they dropped their matches against SLU and New Orleans.

"The girls played really well," head coach Matt Tyler said. "It was great to be outside, getting used to the elements and the things that we'll have to deal with during conference play."

The first match that the Braves played was against SLU, where sophomore Ariel Dechter and freshman Aimee Manfredo both picked up points, but fell to the Lions 5-2.

When the Braves played Southern

the next day, Tyler and the team busted out their rally caps as Dechter, Manfredo and senior Liz Przystawski all bounced back to record points for the Braves, as Manfredo's point won the match 4-3.

Although the Braves rallied for a win against Southern, they did not have the same luck against New Orleans, as senior Cassia Woitalik earned the only point for the Braves in their loss to the

Wojtalik won her extended three-set match at the fifth singles positionin the loss to to New Orleans 6-1 to place their record at 9-7 going into conference play.

That 9-7 record is the first time the Braves have had a winning record heading into conference play since they posted 8-5 record in the 2008-2009 season.

Following the loss to New Orleans, the Braves got a much needed week off for spring break, which helped heal some injuries that, according to Tyler, nagged Bradley in Louisiana.

torn labrum, which kept her out of the series of games in Louisiana.

Tyler said that Toidze's injury also has made a significant change to the Braves' gameday lineup.

"[Toidze's] been playing our four and five positions, so girls have to slide up," Tyler said. "It also changes around our doubles team, so it's a bit of an adjustment."

Tyler said that Toidze's injury is one that's day-to-day, and he hopes she gets to play in the conference matches, which are matches that Tyler calls the "most important."

"Our goal for the whole nonconference season is to prepare for these matches that we have coming up," Tyler said. "They're obviously heightened emotions, and people, myself included, put maybe more pressure on themselves for some of these matches."

The Braves open up their conference schedule against UNI at the David Markin Tennis Courts and then remain home to play Drake on April 4.

"If we play the kind of tennis I know we're capable of playing, then I'm really optimistic about how things will go," Tyler said.

Softball drops two of three in home opener



photo via BradleyBraves.com

Senior infielder Shannon King is hitting just .157 on the season after batting over .300 for the Braves last year.

BY GARTH SHANKLIN **Sports Editor**

Following a sweep at the hands of Southern Illinois in the team's Missouri Valley Conference opener, Bradley softball returned to Laura Bradley Park last weekend looking for a conference victory.

Knocking off Missouri State in the team's home opener 5-1 gave them just that. With a few more bounces, however, the team could have had a sweep.

Last Saturday, the Braves had a solid performance in the circle from senior Alyson Spinas-Valainis. The right-hander tossed a complete game, her ninth on the season, allowing just one run on five hits in the process. Spinas-Valainis also struck out five batters, but it was the five walks she surrendered in the process that head coach Amy Hayes said may impact how Spinas-Valainis feels about her performance.

"I think that was probably the thing that frustrated [Spinas-Valainis the most," Hayes said. "She walked more people than she wanted to this weekend and more people than she has in a while...It was still a good game no matter what. I felt like she made pretty good pitches when she needed to."

In the second game on Saturday, the Braves and Missouri State were scoreless until the fifth inning when Mary Stephens homered for the Bears, putting them up 1-0. Stephens would go 5-for-5 with two singles, two doubles and that home run for Missouri State.

Stephens tied the game at two in the top of the sixth with another base hit, giving the Braves a chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh. With a runner on third, Missouri State made a defensive substitution. The Bears moved 5'5" shortstop Elena Gambill to third base and replaced her with 5'10" junior Erin Duewel, who immediately dove to snag a line drive off the bat of Kathryn Spenn to end the inning. Missouri State would win the game with a run in the top of the eighth.

Bradley's bad-luck run continued into the rubber match Sunday. Down 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded, senior Shannon King ripped a ball into

left field that Duewel leaped up and grabbed to end the game.

It's been that type of season for King, who flew out to the warning track and had another line drive snagged by a leaping outfielder during Sunday's game alone. Her average sits at just .157 on the season, nearly half of the .302 mark she put up in 2014.

King says she's just going to keep rolling with the punches this season and not let her stats affect her play on the field.

"I've talked to the coaches and a good amount of people about it," King said. "There's a lot of stuff that goes into the psychology of being a senior athlete but I've basically gone with just keep going. [I'm going to] enjoy my senior year and not really worry about the stats and everything and just be happy with the way I play and my performance that day.

Part of Bradley's problem Sunday could be traced back to the 10 runners left on base, seven of which came in the final three innings. Hayes said she was not sure what the Braves could have done differently.

"I don't know," Hayes said. "If I knew we would've done it. It's not for lack of trying...There's two inches in two games. That's why they call it a game of inches. We're doing what we can. The kids are fighting...People can look at the record and think we've got no shot. We just didn't get the breaks."

Bradley sits at 6-24 (1-5 MVC) on the season, and a 2-9 record in one-run games is a large reason why. Haves says the team still has one goal in mind, and a winning record does not have to be part of

"We just have to keep our heads down and keep working for the goal which is to get ourselves to the tournament, win it and get to the postseason," Hayes said. "I really don't care what our record says at the end of the year, if we get that done and we feel like we've made progress, that's what we're working towards."

Bradley takes on Loyola at Laura Bradley Park tomorrow at one. The game was originally scheduled to be played in Chicago, but weather forced a venue change.

SE Louisiana 5, BU 2

Singles

Villareal (SELA) d. Brandt (B) 6-4, 6-0 Dechter (B) d. Wallace (SELA) 6-2, 6-3 Manfredo (B) d. Bustamante (SELA)

Kaltenbacher (SELA) d. Thai (B) 7-5, 6-4 Raygadas (SELA) d. Wojtalik (B) 6-0, 6-0 Vorotnikova (SELA) d. Przystawski (B)

Doubles

Bustamante/Villarreal (SELA) d. Brandt/Thai (B) 8-1 Bryukhova/Vorotnikova (SELA) v. Dechter/Manfredo (B) - No result Kaltenbacher/Raygadas (SELA) d. Przystawski/Wojtalik (B) 8-0

Bradley 4, Southern 3

Syori (S) d. Brandt (B) 6-1, 6-3

Dechter (B) d. Moore (S) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 Manfredo (B) d. Materre (S) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 Thai (B) d. Taylor (S) 6-3, 6-2 Moore (S) d. Wojtalik (B) 6-4, 6-1 Przystawski (B) d. Davis (S) 6-4, 1-6, 6-2

Doubles

Moore/Moore (S) d. Brandt/Thai

Dechter/Manfredo (B) d. Bunch/Svori (S) - 6-2

Davis/Taylor (S) d. Przystawski (B) 7-5

UNO 6, Bradley 1

Calderon (UNO) d. Brandt (B) 6-3, 6-2 Luethi (UNO) d. Dechter (B) 6-3, 6-3 Sans (UNO) d. Manfredo (B) 6-3, 6-2 Rius (UNO) d. Thai (B) 6-1, 6-2 Wojtalik (B) d. Yasmine (B) 6-1, 2-6, 11-8 Laraibi (UNO) d. Przystawski (B) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

Przystawski (B) 8-1

Brandt/Thai (B) d. Calderon/Sans (UNO) - 8-1

Rius/Luethi (UNO) d. Dechter/ Laraibi/Rashad (UNO) d. Wojtalik/

Opinion

How to fill out the perfect bracket

BY BRANDON WALLACE Off-staff Reporter

There are exactly 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 ways to fill out a bracket. Just trust me.

Now, I don't know how to say that number out loud, but I know that the chances of picking a perfect March Madness bracket are far from favorable. So is a perfect bracket completely impossible?

This year, there were 11.57 million brackets entered into ESPN's Tournament Challenge alone. After the first day, only .0024 percent of the brackets entered into ESPN were still perfect. It only took two and a half days into the 12-gameday tournament for all of them to get busted.

The one bracket that was perfect, from ESPN user Malaquias4394, fell after Arizona defeated Ohio State, Malaquias4394's favorite team. His perfect bracket lasted 34 games, an improvement over last year's perfect bracket that lasted 25 games out of 67 total.

Any sane person would give up hope and accept the fact that their bracket will never be perfect. But I'm just crazy, naive, and money-hungry enough to make an argument that it's possible to have a perfect bracket. It could take forever, but in my eyes, at least six things need to happen.

1.) You need a year of dominant teams. The first scenario is simple. When there are more dominant teams, it's easier to pick who will win each game. This year, Kentucky has been the dominant team and has a 49 percent chance to win it all. Most brackets have them taking the championship, and deservedly so. But last year, the 7-seed UConn defeated 8-seed Kentucky in the championship, a matchup that only .00016 percent of brackets correctly predicted. The more dominant teams in the field, the lesser the chance that they are upset and the greater the chance that we correctly pick those 2.) You need to either be a basketball savant, or have absolutely no knowledge at all. Common sense would tell you that the more you know about each team playing in a game, the better you'll be able to predict the outcome. This means countless hours of watching basketball, studying statistics and having your significant other call you a nerd. Totally worth it.

Or, you can be on the other end of the spectrum and depend completely on luck. Malaquias4394 said that he didn't watch one college basketball game all year, and now he has random college students writing about him. (Sidenote: he has Duke defeating Kansas 58-0 in the championship game. He must have really hated "The Wizard of Oz.")

3.) You need a lot of fake ESPN accounts. ESPN allows you to enter a maximum of 10 brackets per account. Make 100 ESPN accounts, and that's 1,000 brackets. Why doesn't everyone do this?

4.) You need a cool name for your bracket. Nobody wants to be the team that loses and messes up the bracket with a cool name. Best ones I've seen in my lifetime: Church of Bracketology, Grand Theft Otto Porter Jr., John Calipari's Recruiting Budget and What Channel is TruTV Again?

5.) You need to be able to take ridicule from your friends. "You picked UAB over Baylor? What's wrong with you?"..."NC State in the Elite 8? I'm ashamed to be your friend."

It's important to remember that Thomas Edison was also looked at as crazy, and you could very well be the Thomas Edison of March Madness. And you could also join him, every Kardashian, and Jaden and Willow Smith in the "Getting Famous Off Stuff Other People Actually Did" club.

6.) You need to be from the future. Because if you had a time machine, wouldn't making a perfect bracket be your first mission?

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Lemek, Masrin pace Bradley golf



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Junior Danielle Lemek led the women's golf team to an 11th place finish at the Bearcat Spring Classic.

BY GARTH SHANKLIN Sports Editor

Senior Seth Trolia and junior Danielle Lemek led their respective Bradley golf teams during a pair of events during spring break.

Trolia tied Bradley's career record for rounds under 80 by firing a 76 in the final round of the Pinehurst Intercollegiate March 13 - 15.

For the tournament, Trolia's 229 was good enough to place him in eighth place overall, 15 strokes behind Belmont's Ashton Van Horne.

Senior Danny Masrin tied for 16th overall, shooting a 233 for the tournament. His streak of 30 straight rounds under 80 ended the final day of the tournament.

The Braves finished sixth in

the tournament, which included Missouri Valley Conference foe Loyola. A total of 11 teams participated in the event.

On the women's side, junior Danielle Lemek won the Bearcat Spring Classic, her eighth career individual medal, by one stroke over Memphis' Emily Goldenstein.

Lemek's streak of sub-80 rounds continued as well, as she shot a two-over par 74 on the final day of the tournament. She also recorded her 21st top-10 finish, tying her with former Bradley golfer Bari Erias for the most top-10 finishes in Bradley history.

For her efforts in the Bearcat Spring Classic, Lemek picked up a pair of awards. On Wednesday, she was named the Country Financial Scholar-Athlete of the Week and the MVC Golfer of the Week, the latter of which she shared with Evansville's Kayla Katterhenry. The Golfer of the Week honor was Lemek's fifth of the season and 15th of her career.

Junior Jenna Roadley carded an 81 for the Braves, propelling her into a tie for 57th for the tournament. As a team, the Braves finished 11th out of 17 teams, five shots ahead of Illinois State.

Fellow junior Allison Walsh also participated in the tournament for Bradley but as an individual. She shot a 254 for the three-day event and finished tied for 81st overall.

The Bradley men's team takes on Illinois State this weekend in a dual meet. The women's team has the weekend off but will host the Bradley Invitational April 3 and 4 at WeaverRidge Golf Course.



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Baseball beats Iowa, begins Valley play



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Junior Elliot Ashbeck stretches to make a play at first base agaisnt Dallas Baptist last year. Ashbeck and the Braves begin MVC play today at Dozer Park against Southern Illinois.

BY ALEX KRYAH **Sports Reporter**

Bradley baseball set a pair of records over spring break as the team prepares for its first Missouri Valley Conference series this weekend.

The Braves took five out of eight games over spring break before traveling to Iowa and defeating the Hawkeyes 5-2 Wednesday night, giving them a school-record 17 wins before the home opener.

Bradley started spring break by taking two out of three games from Mercer. Junior Elliot Ashbeck notched his fifth win of the season in the series opener. Ashbeck went five strong innings, allowing only two runs while striking out nine. Ashbeck said he believes his success on the mound can be attributed to his confidence, he said.

"I had a pretty solid [year] last

year," Ashbeck said. "I felt like I had a pretty strong fall coming back with a veteran group of guys, and just knowing that I belong out there and trusting my stuff has been a big thing.

The Braves would go on to blank both Mt. Vernon Nazarene and UMASS-Dartmouth 10-0 in the middle of the week before they traveled south to take on Northern

Ashbeck and the Braves didn't nd as much success against UNF. The opener was a sore sight as the Braves nearly doubled their season error total with seven. Ashbeck gave up 10 runs, four earned, on eight hits as UNF won 12-4.

Junior Brent Stong didn't fare much better the next day. The southpaw only lasted four innings, giving up seven runs en route to his second loss of the year, an 8-4

Both starters had been solid all year, but Dominguez said that the rough outings were "bound to happen."

[Even] Kershaw has a rough outing," Dominguez said. "[Stong] didn't have great command and pitched from behind, and I think it got to him. [Ashbeck] wasn't at his best Friday night. That's just the way baseball goes."

Ashbeck noted that he didn't have his best stuff, saying that he left a lot of his pitches up in the zone. The right-hander allowed eight hits in the game.

The Braves bounced back in game three of the series, winning 4-3 in seven innings. Sophomore Matt Dennis earned his 11 career save, which is a new Bradley record. Junior Cameron Roegner earned his second win on the year while sophomore Evan Gruener went 2-2 with an RBI double and two runs scored.

Wednesday night's game against Iowa was used to get a few pitchers some work in who would not normally have gotten any. Freshman Jordan Fedro started for the Braves, tossing four innings of five-hit, one run ball to pick up his second win. Four different Braves picked up multiple hits offensively while Isaac Smith drew two walks

As the Braves prepare for their home opener, the team remembers the situation they were in last year when they lost 11 of their final 35 games and are determined to not repeat it.

"Most of the guys from that team are back, and I think we all understand what we have to do now to continue the success and not let it taper off like it did last year," Ashbeck said.

The Braves take on Southern Illinois today at Dozer Park at

3 p.m. Tomorrow, the team will shave its head after the game in support of the Vs. Cancer Foundation.

The foundation created a challenge among college programs to raise money for children's cancer research. The Braves currently rank seventh in the challenge, having raised \$7,740 as of press time. To donate, go toteam.vs-cancer. org/Bradley.

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"I'd push Geno Ford for DePaul, but I'm guessing 'fired at Bradley' won't be good for his chances." - Jon Greenberg, ESPNChicago writer

